

FACT SHEET FOR NPDES PERMIT WA-000295-0
ALCOA PRIMARY METALS – INTALCO WORKS

PERMIT MODIFICATION DATE – JANUARY 4, 2002

In August of 2001, Intalco requested that several requirements in their NPDES permit be modified during periods of temporary curtailment of smelting operations. The requirements that they requested be modified included reducing monitoring frequencies at Outfall 001, Outfall 002, at the effluent from the stormwater pond, and at the discharge from the sanitary lagoon. These changes constitute a major permit modification which is subject to public notice.

A notice of the proposed changes to the permit was published in the Wenatchee World newspaper on November 21, 2001 with a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received.

In order to have some flexibility to review permit modification requests for periods of temporary curtailment on a case-by-case basis, Ecology decided to modify Intalco's NPDES permit as follows:

“During periods of temporary curtailment of smelting operations, the Permittee may petition the Department in writing to reduce or eliminate effluent monitoring and reduce the percent removal effluent limitation for the sanitary treatment facility. Curtailment is defined as the shut down of 90% or more of potline operations. Upon start up of the curtailed smelting operations, all NPDES requirements shall revert to those in the current permit.”

Ecology will review individual permit modification requests and make a determination in writing back to the Permittee.